Language of new channels on Doordarshan

2664. SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Doordarshan propose to launch some new channels on 15th August, 1993;

(b) if so, details thereof;

(c) whether launching of these new channels will encourage some programmes of entertainment and teachings of social order;

(d) if so, details thereof and if *not, reasons therefor; and*

(e) what is the background for launching new channels?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The channels are:—

(i) Entertainment

(ii) Business News and Current Affairs

(iii) Sports

(iv) Music

(v) Enrichment.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. The programmes on these channels will inform, educate and entertain the viewers.

(e) These channels were visualised in order to increase the variety of programming available to the viewers and provide more outlets to the creative talent available in the country.

Import of Newsprint

2665. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL alias MEEM AFZAL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of newspapers which were registered with DAVP till 31.5.93 for newspaper advertisements; and

(b) the number of such newspapers in terms of their languages, separately?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) and (b) There were 3805 newspapers/periodicals registered with DAVP as on 31.5.1993. Their language-wise details are given in the Statement.

Statement

No. of newspapers languagewise in the D.A.V.P. panel as on **31-05-1993**

S.No.	Language	No. of Papers
1	2	3
1.	English	227
2.	Hindi	2417
3.	Urdu	310
4.	Punjabi	148
5.	Marathi	85
6.	Gujarati	91
7.	Sindhi	14
8.	Assamese	29
9.	Bengali	221
10.	Oriya	42